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SUBJECT: THE TRADE BILL - IA-ECOSOC CONSIDERATION

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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM BOWDLER

1. WE HAVE REPEATED AMBASSADOR MAILLIARD'S CABLE ASKING
FOR OUR VIEWS ON SUGGESTION FROM CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TRUCCO
THAT CHILE MIGHT WISH TO HOST SPECIAL MEETING OF IA-ECOSOC
TO CONSIDER TRADE ACT PER THE OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL RESOLU-
TION. YOU WILL RECALL THAT WE DISCUSSED IN SMALL STAFF
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MEETING FACT THE TRADE ACT WOULD BE MAJOR ITEM EITHER ON

THE AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR IA-ECOSOC MEETING, NOW
SCHEDULED TO BEGIN MARCH 10 AT OAS HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON,
OR AT A SPECIAL IA-ECOSOC MEETING.

2. ARA, USOAS AND EB CONSENSUS IS AGAINST ENCOURAGING
A SPECIAL SESSION FOR THESE REASONS:

A) SPECIAL SESSION WOULD PROBABLY GENERATE EVEN MORE
PUBLICITY THAN REGULAR MEETING.

B) UNDER SUCH A SPOTLIGHT LA DELEGATION COULD HARDLY
CHANGE PUBLIC POSITION TAKEN IN OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL
AND OTHER FORUMS.

C) SUCH A MEETING, WHEREVER HELD, IS THEREFORE NOT
LIKELY TO PRODUCE THE MEANINGFUL, RATIONAL DISCUSSIONS
TRUCCO HOPES FOR.

D) ONE HOPE WE HAVE FOR INTRODUCING OBJECTIVITY INTO
TRADE ACT DISCUSSION IS BY ACHIEVING BALANCE IN REPORT
WHICH OAS SECRETARIAT IS PREPARING. SPECIAL SESSION
PRIOR TO SCHEDULED MARCH 10 REGULAR SESSION WOULD
REQUIRE HASTE IN PREPARATION OF REPORT WHICH WOULD
RESULT IN SACRIFICE TO THE BALANCE WE SEEK.

3. WE PREFER TO STICK TO REGULAR SESSION BECAUSE:

A) IT IS LIKELY TO DRAW SOMEWHAT LESS PUBLIC ATTENTION
AND, HOPEFULLY, LESS NATIONALISTIC POSTURING.

B) WOULD ALLOW MORE TIME FOR MODIFICATIONS TO TRADE
BILL ALREADY INTRODUCED, OR ABOUT TO BE INTRODUCED, BY
VARIOUS SENATORS TO WORK THEIR WAY THROUGH CONGRESS.

C) WOULD GIVE MORE TIME FOR US TO WORK BEHIND THE
SCENES WITH OAS SECRETARIAT TO PRODUCE BALANCED STUDY.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT PANAMA HAS ABANDONED IDEA OF
HOSTSHIP OF SPECIAL MEETING. WE APPRECIATE TRUCCO'S
INTEREST AND EFFORTS TO BE HELPFUL BUT BELIEVE A SPECIAL
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MEETING AT THIS TIME SHOULD NOT BE ENCOURAGED.

5. IF YOU CONCUR IN THIS ANALYSIS WOULD YOU SO CONFIRM
TO AMBASSADOR MAILLIARD IN MEXICO. KISSINGER

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